

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, would you be handling the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. All it does, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, all it does is delete the Section 8, certain duties of the Fire Marshal, is simply all that the committee amendments do. So, complaints related to that, that is all it does, so I would ask the body to approve the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion on the committee amendments to 598? Seeing none, those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments please vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments. Please vote if you would care to vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Urban Affairs Committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Hartnett, will you handle it please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, I will take it for Senator Lynch. It is a bill introduced by Senator Lynch and it was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee and it does a number of things. The first thing that it does is it changes the definition of a handicapped person and disabled person, and I think I have a handout there, and the change is actually on the third sentence, and it is something that puts in walking is impractical, and it puts in the inability to travel unassisted for more than two hundred feet, and that is the change that is done of a definition of a handicapped person. It changes the design of the handicapped parking permit. The permit will be larger and a specified color, a second change that the bill does. It provides for the issuance of a temporary handicapped parking permit, right now, up to the year, I believe. We don't at this time have anything like that in statute. It provides for cities to direct issue handicapped parking permits. Because of this change in the duties, the bill allows cities to keep 2.50 of the \$3 application fee instead of their current \$1 share. The fifth part, the bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to maintain a central registry of all permits, permit holders. Sixth, the change...design specifications for handicapped parking spaces designs after the effective date of this act, and the seventh one, additional, the bill would provide for persons misusing the handicap parking space in a privately owned off-street parking facility to be guilty of a traffic